

Application for a General Rate Increase, Interim Rate Increase, and Approve New Tariff

Legacy Sweetwater’s request for a General Rate Increase and Interim Rate Increase is fully supported by comprehensive information and data. Detailed documentation, including worksheets and exhibits, accompanies this combined application. These supporting materials provide further explanation and justification for all proposed rate adjustments and are incorporated as integral parts of this filing.

The attached worksheets and exhibits outline the financial analysis and operational data that substantiate Legacy Sweetwater’s need for both a General Rate Increase and Interim Rates. By referencing these materials, the Public Service Commission and customers can review the basis for the requested changes in rates and understand the rationale behind Legacy Sweetwater’s application.

Legacy Sweetwater (“**Legacy**” or “**Company**”), hereby applies to the Public Service Commission of Utah (“**Commission**”), pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §54-7-12, for an order approving a **GENERAL RATE INCREASE** as set forth herein. The requested general rates, which include the current rates for comparison, are as follows:

Tariff Comparison of Rates and Fees

Exhibit 19

Monthly Water Rates	New Tariff Rates	Current Tariff Rates
	Monthly Charges	Monthly Charges
Base Rate	\$345.50 per month	
Base Rate with up to 5,000 gallons		\$25.00 per month
Usage per 1,000 gallons		\$5.00 per 1,000 gallons
Gallons over 7,500		\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons per month: (In addition to Base Rate)		
Tier 1 (1 to 5,000 gals)	\$2.00	
Tier 2 (5,001 to 10,000 gals)	\$4.00	
Tier 3 (10,001 to 15,000 gals)	\$8.00	
Tier 4 (15,001 to 20,000 gals)	\$16.00	
Tier 5 (> 20,001 gals)	\$32.00	
Standby Fees *	\$104.00 per month	\$25.00 per month
Fees and Other Charges		
	Charges per each Occurrence	Charges per each Occurrence
First time service connection hook-up fee	\$3,900	\$3,000
Turn-on service where meter is already in place	\$120	\$100
Disconnect fees (<i>Includes Voluntary and Involuntary</i>)	\$120	
Re-connect fees	\$120	
Ownership change fee	\$50	
Shut off notice fee	\$150	
Late fee on bills 30 or more days past due	\$50 plus interest, (see below)	
Interest rate on bills past due by 30 days or more	18% per annum (1.5% per month)	
Returned check fees	\$50	
Filing and releasing liens, per occurrence	\$150 each	
Unwarranted service call	\$50	
Charge for service call to repair Customer-owned Infrastructure	Actual cost of repair	
Theft of service charge	\$1,000	

Legacy, hereby applies to the Public Service Commission of Utah (“Commission”), pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §54-7-12(4)(a), for an order approving an **INTERIM RATE INCREASE** as proposed in the revised rate schedule set forth under the request for a general rate increase. In support of this Application, Legacy Sweetwater states as follows:

1. Legacy Sweetwater has submitted, at the same time as this Application for a General Rate Increase an Application for an Interim Rate Increase. Through these filings, Legacy Sweetwater seeks approval to raise the rates charged to both its connected and standby customers. The purpose of these increases is to generate the revenue necessary to cover the ongoing operating expenses and financial obligations of the Company, ensuring that Legacy Sweetwater can continue its operations without interruption and meet its fiscal responsibilities.
 2. The new rates proposed by the general rate case will become effective only after “issuance of a final order by the [C]ommission concerning the proposed increase.” *See* Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12(2)(e).
 3. However, Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12(4)(a)(ii) authorizes the Commission to “allow any rate increase . . . proposed by a public utility, or a reasonable part of the rate increase . . . to take effect on an interim basis within 45 days after the day on which the request is filed, subject to the [C]ommission’s right to order a refund or surcharge.”
 4. Legacy Sweetwater’s currently approved Tariff rates are inadequate to cover its monthly operating maintenance expenses. These rates are insufficient to support the Company’s ongoing operations while awaiting potentially 240 days for the Commission’s final order in the general rate case. Legacy Sweetwater faces monthly net losses under the present rate structure. This financial shortfall leaves the Company unable cover its operating expenses, let alone, infrastructure improvements.
- Given these circumstances, Legacy Sweetwater urgently requests approval of interim rates. This interim relief is necessary to sustain operations and maintain financial stability until the Commission issues its decision regarding the Application for General Rate Increase.
5. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12(4)(a), Legacy Sweetwater hereby requests that the Commission allow the rate increase proposed in the Application for General Rate Increase to take effect no later than 45 days after the date of the filing of this Application for Interim Rate Increase.
 6. Legacy Sweetwater’s requested interim rate increase is justified and reasonable and will allow Legacy Sweetwater to operate at a net gain, meet current obligations, be self-sustaining, fund current pressing infrastructure needs and build capital reserves for future repairs and replacement of capital facilities, until the Commission can issue a final order in the general rate case.

7. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12(4)(c)(i) and (ii),

(i) If the [C]ommission in the [C]ommission's final order on a public utility's revenue requirement finds that the interim increase ordered under Subsection (4)(a)(ii) exceeds the increase finally ordered, the commission shall order the public utility to refund the excess to customers.

(ii) If the [C]ommission in the [C]ommission's final order on a public utility's revenue requirement finds that the interim decrease ordered under Subsection (4)(a)(ii) exceeds the decrease finally ordered, the commission shall order a surcharge to customers to recover the excess decrease.

8. Because the owner, iMoneyTools LLC, is no longer subsidizing revenues, current Legacy Sweetwater rates alone fall short of covering even basic fixed expenses. This situation presents a substantial risk to Legacy's financial stability, as well as its ability to provide a reliable and uncontaminated water supply. Currently, revenues account for only a fraction of the operating and maintenance expenses. Losses at this scale raise concerns about the ongoing viability of operations. Since iMoneyTools LLC no longer has the reserves to subsidize Legacy, if it does not get the requested rate and interim rate, Legacy will be forced into bankruptcy.

9. Utah Code Subsection § 54-7-12(4)(a)(iii) states,

The evidence presented in the hearing held pursuant to this Subsection (4) need not encompass all issues that may be considered in a rate case hearing held pursuant to Subsection (2)(d), but shall establish an adequate prima facie showing that the interim rate increase or decrease is justified.

Legacy Sweetwater attests that it has made an adequate prima facie showing that the existing water fees are inadequate, and the proposed interim rates are necessary. The Company's requested interim rate increase is reasonable and is more likely to reflect actual costs than current rates.

10. All information supporting the requested interim rates is detailed in the attached worksheets and exhibits, which are incorporated by reference.

Legacy, hereby requests Public Service Commission of Utah (“**Commission**”), for an order approving **TARRIF No. 2** with updated rates and fees

Legacy is submitting Tariff No. 2 which includes its new requested rates and fees.

Utah Rule, R746-200-4 B.1. specifically addresses estimated billing allowances. To deal with the copious amounts of snow often received in its water service area during the winter, Legacy is seeking a remedy for its meter reading and billing during times meters are not accessible.

Legacy is requesting that the Commission approve, when weather conditions prevent regular meter readings, Tariff item, No. 3, 9.d., which states,

d. Reading of Meters: If the meters are inaccessible to read, for example, during winter months, Customers shall be billed at the minimum usage amount. The actual winter usage, should it exceed the minimum usage amount during the winter months, will be billed in total on the first billing, which corresponds to the first meter reading taken in the calendar year.

Tariff No. 2 is labeled as Exhibit 18. Tariff No. 2, is therefore being submitted for the Commission’s approval within this docket.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, Legacy Sweetwater respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Enter an order approving Legacy’s Application for a General Rate Increase.
2. Enter an order approving an Interim Rate Increase, no later than 45 days from the date of this Application.
3. Enter an order approving Tariff No. 2.